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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-2, 4-7, 9, 11 and 13-16 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9, 13 and 14 are rejected. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that claims 11, 15 and 16 are allowed and that claims 1, 2, 4-7, 13 and 14 would be allowable if the Examiner's suggested amendment to claim 1 is incorporated.

Rejections under §112

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9, 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the Examiner's proposed language and respectably submit therefore that claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 2, 4-7, 9, 13 and 14 are likewise allowable as indicated by the Examiner on page 3 of the Office Action.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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